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Dear Howard,

We're proud of your grades and other successes and happy that your too-long delayed book is about to appear. There is to be another convention in NYC at the NYU law school (I'll be there to try to deter the nuts) 4/25-7 if it can be out by then. I'll plug it if this is possible. I'll be at the Chelsea hotel, I think at 8th Ave and 23rd St. I'll be leaving here a.m. 4/24.

The valueable enclosures are in a fat file of clippings to be read when there is time. Aside from other work a large part of each day is spent in the mechanics of getting books out, what a high school student could do. It is wearing. But it is encouraging that the sales are so brisk. I've set up an escrow account to be able, I hope, to reprint. Even penny of revenue from the old books is going into it and now that Lil's work for the year is over we'll somehow have to learn how to live on $100 a month. In extemity we'll draw on this escrow account.

The situation for your book could not be better. I have the feeling that despite the great expenditures behind it O'Toole's is not doing well. But it is crap.

There is no time for details but the dredging of that swamp is productive. I've obtained copies of what they said they'd have to die rather than give up. Hmm I've what they call the spectro (can't be), the NAA (Jim has not yet copied for me) and other stuff to which I'd rather not draw attention because it is not impossible that some sort of new misdirection is in the works. I even have the Memo of Transfer! (I was right on it.)

In short, the stuff is rolling out. When they are baddies it will still help.

My position is such I'll be having to give much if not all away. My hope is to get responsible use. I think I've arranged for some and have other efforts under way.

(The 1/22 transcript is something else! I've given it to a British reporter friend who says he will use it non-exclusively. I'm waiting patiently.)

We have other actions started with new requests. Of course I'd prefer that they just deliver. I'd also prefer that the self-seekers delay filing so they can't grab the kind of case they like for precedent. We did refile the spectro immediately. It was the first under the new law.

Save that I can't get out from under the chickenshit long enough to get any real work done there is nothing really new here. That is new in added volume only. How I could use a helper! I haven't been able to do any writing since September. I was in the conclusions of the Watergate book when I had to stop for the Ray case. It needs editing but I haven't even read it. And you know the writing I want to do.

When you are here again you can see all this stuff and have copies of what interests you. I wish it could be for the summer! I'd then have some editing while I write, if by then I can get back to writing.

If the stories haven't broken by then I'll probably use some of this new stuff to open the meeting. It is at the NYU law school.

Thanks for the enclosures. Best regards,